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TAB C

15 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

FROM: ADSO

SUBJECT: Report on Communications--Central Intelligence Agency.

Comments on the subject paper, attached herewith, are as follows:

a) Paragraph 2(a) - concur.

b) Paragraph 2(b) - concur.

c) Paragraph 2(c) - The principle of co-equal status of the Office of Communications with that of other offices is concurred in. However, attention is invited to the fact that Communications serves the other offices under consideration entirely across the board more than any other one office. The controls and staff assistance now available to the Deputy Director, Plans are insufficient to properly coordinate a large number of co-equal offices. It is suggested that the co-equal status would not be infringed upon if the comparison, in subject paper of the Office of Communications be compared to that of the signal office of an army rather than of the Army, this for the purpose of simplification of controls. The comparison with the Office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army is concurred in in principle; but for the purpose of staff controls, it is recommended that the office be that of the nature of a special staff with relation to a general staff through which the Deputy Director, Plans would operate.

d) Paragraph 2(d) - concur.

e) Paragraph 2(e) - concur, but with the qualifications outlined in comment on Paragraph 2(c).

In view of the inter-related problems of several organizational studies now current, it is recommended that this subject be considered in conjunction with the studies on the Training Division and on the reorganization of the covert agencies of CIA.

W. G. HYMAN  
Assistant Director

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Attachment 1 to TAB "Q"

13 March 1951

MEMO FOR DCI

SUBJECT: Report on Communications, CIA

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/s/

Major General, USA

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14 March 1951

TO : AD/SO

FROM : FDM

SUBJECT: Comments on [ ] Report

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1. Below are comments on [ ] "Report on Communications" which I assume you desire to be made in terms of the Staff Study on the integration of OSO and OPC.

2. As long as the Deputy Director (Plans) has no staff, it is not recommended that a fourth office be set up under his jurisdiction. Although the reasons for making Communications a more important entity in CIA may be valid, it would seem preferable to have the activity remain under OSO until such a time as a complete reorganization of the Office of Deputy Director (Plans) is effected. [ ] proposal under the existing organizational structure would constitute an additional burden on the Deputy Director (Plans) personally.

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3. The Staff Study on the integration of OSO and OPC does away with offices under the Deputy Director (Plans). Consequently the position of Communications might have to be reviewed if [ ] contention about its importance should be accepted. For purposes of convenience, there is quoted herewith the relevant paragraph on Communications from the Staff Study (Training is the second Division referred to below):

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"These two Divisions serve both OPC and OSO equally. The relationships of these Divisions with other elements of CIA are negligible. These Divisions may be fitted in the proposed structure at the operating Division level. Supervision of these two Divisions will, of course, be exercised by DDP through his own appropriate staff elements. The Chief of the overseas station should have on his immediate staff a special staff officer in charge of communications who will both command the communications facilities in the area involved and serve as a Special Staff Officer to the Station Chief with respect to communications problems in the area."

Richard Helms

Chief, FDM